

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2004  
6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY FOCUS FUNDS \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges declared the public hearing open at 6:00 p.m. Trena Carter was present to answer any questions or concerns regarding the Community Focus Fund Grant. There were no comments or opposition from anyone present. Byrne made a motion to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING VACATING ALLEY \* \* \***

At 6:15 Bridges declared the public hearing open for comment. Noah Jacobs said the reason he requested the alley to be vacated was for safety. He said he believed that the City would also benefit from the vacation of the alley. Dewey Grocox, an adjoining landowner, said he does not object to closing the alley, but does object to the way Jacobs has gone about this. He also said if the alley was going to be vacated the City should vacate the entire alley, not just a portion.

There were also representatives present from the Eagles. Merv Bostic said they were against closing the alley since they use it to get to their dumpsters. Jack Lakin said since it is zoned for business it needs to have an inlet and an outlet.

Grocox said he did not want to see it used as a private drive and if it was vacated he wanted to see a permanent barricade in place.

There being no further comment, Byrne made a motion to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m., with Chris Fields, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilmen McGowan and Sheehan were not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Frank Denzler, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the August 3, 2004, were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \***

- Ann and I met with the DLGF last Thursday. The budget submitted was given a favorable recommendation. We will hold a public hearing on August 30, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the Council chambers. The meeting to adopt the budget will be September 14 at 6:00 p.m. Council was asked if they wished to have the regular meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays or since we will be having the extra meeting to adopt the budget, would they like to forego one of the meetings. It was the consensus of Council to go ahead and have all 3 meetings in September.
- Met with the Healthy Neighborhoods Task Force last Friday. The meeting was very productive and all members had excellent input. Three lists from members were submitted and I will compile the data and get it to each member. I will be scheduling another meeting within the next 7-10 days.
- The Rush County Fiber Board met last Wednesday. I have distributed a copy of the agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting, and a list of the fiber board members. Yesterday I received a copy of Phase I of the engineering report for the fiber construction project. It will be available if anyone would like to review it. Phase I is from Shelby Co 500 E to Occident in Rush County. Phase II should be completed in 10 days to 2 weeks.
- We met with representatives from Comcast last Thursday. They have made a commitment for better service to the community. They may be contacted by a new toll-free number 877-220-3551
- Reminder of the yearly district INDOT meeting on upcoming projects this Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the Greenfield District Office, 32 S Broadway in Greenfield.
- Reminder of "Rushville Night" with the Indianapolis Indians is Saturday, August 28, 2004.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORTS \* \* \***

Copley informed Council that she had given them a copy of the portion of the budget that was to be advertised. She said what was to be advertised was with a 4% pay increase. She also told them she gave them a copy of the Salary Ordinance which was for a 3% increase. She told them there was a new line item in the ordinance in the Police Department for speciality pay. Also told them they might wish to review the portion of the ordinance for Summer Employees (Parks, Street, and Sanitation) since they have raised the amount for pool

employees to \$5.40 that they might want to consider also changing the beginning pay of \$5.15.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

**Police** – Reported that the Board of Works approved extended sick leave for Paul Joyner for a period of 60 days with 66% of his salary.

The Board of Works also granted permission to hire 2 part-time radio dispatchers.

Received verbal notification of a resignation of a police officer at the end of October, therefore, the Board of Works gave permission to begin the hiring process.

**Park** – The Board of Works approved extended sick leave for Ed Wolfe for a period not to exceed 60 days with 66% of his salary, with the stipulation that documentation is received from the doctor.

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT \* \* \***

None.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS \* \* \***

None.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \***

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Ordinance 2004-7 Hooten Annexation** – Byrne made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-7. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Vacating Alley** – Councilman Byrne said that since there was opposition he did not wish to vacate the alley. Pavey said he did not see a problem. Byrne made a motion to reject the request to vacate the alley. The motion died for lack of a second. Pavey made a motion to vacate the entire alley contingent on Jacobs

putting up a permanent blockade. Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed with Byrne opposing the motion.

**Wilson Estates** – In the absence of Councilman Sheehan, Pavey passed out recommendations made by Sheehan. Sheehan suggested that the residents form a Homeowners Association and maintain the retention ponds. If they did not wish to do that then he suggested making it a legal drain. Pavey made a motion to advertise the 5 lots for sale. If the residents do not have anything in place by the next meeting Council will then make a determination on releasing the moratorium. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Byrne asked why Hittle couldn't go ahead and build since it was not on one of the 5 lots. Pavey said he thought that was 2 different issues.

#### **NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**No Parking Tony Stewart Drive** – Police Chief Fudge asked permission to enforce no parking signs on Tony Stewart Drive from the dug out West to Sexton Street on the North side of the street. He said he thought this would help out with the congestion. Byrne made a motion to enforce the no parking signs on Tony Stewart Drive. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2004-12 Salary Ordinance** – Pavey made a motion to approve the salary ordinance with a 3% pay raise for the year 2005 on first reading. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2004-13 Elected Officials Ordinance** – Pavey made a motion to approve the elected officials salary ordinance with a 3% pay raise for the year 2005 on first reading. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2004-14 Curb Cut Ordinance** – Byrne made a motion to approve ordinance 2004-14. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2004-17 Submission of CFF Application** – Pavey made a motion to approve resolution 2004-17. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2004-18 Approving Easement for Water & Sewer Lines** – Byrne made a motion to approve resolution 2004-18. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** – Fields made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Tully introduced the new ECDC Director, Greg Griffin.

There being no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Byrne seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER